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The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6216

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter dated March 31, 2004, to the Attorney General, which has been referred to this office for response. In your letter you inquire as to whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) have coordinated efforts to combat and track terrorist financing. Specifically, you reference General Accounting Office report #04-464R, issued in February 2004, which found that the BICE and FBI had not yet issued a joint report on the status of each agency's implementation of the May 13, 2003, Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice.

In accordance with the Agreement the FBI and BICE established a series of collaborative procedures in the summer of 2003, which facilitated the sharing of information and the methods by which both agencies would work together in terrorist-financing investigations.

After an initial implementation of the procedures, the FBI and BICE began the preparation of the joint report. Pursuant to your request, a copy of the report will be forwarded to the Committee once the approval process is complete.

If we can be of further assistance regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

cc: ✓ The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member